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Applicant	: Coombs, et al.)	I hereby certify that this correspondence and all marked attachments are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first-class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Missing Parts, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on <u>2-28-05</u> (Date) <u>R L</u> Russell M. Jeide, Reg. No. 54,198
Appl. No.	: 10/792,291)	
Filed	: March 2, 2004)	
For	: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR USE IN DETECTION AND QUANTITATION OF VARIOUS CELL TYPES AND USE OF OPTICAL BIO-DISC FOR PERFORMING SAME)	
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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.47(A)

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Dear Sir:

This Request is in response to the Decision Refusing Status under 37 C.F.R. 1.47(a), dated December 29, 2004.

Appl. No. : 10/792,291
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STATEMENTS OF FACTS

1. On March 2, 2004, the above-identified patent application was filed without an executed oath or declaration.
2. On May 25, 2004, the Office of Initial Patent Examination mailed a Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application, stating that the oath or declaration was missing, and requiring a surcharge for its late filing.
3. On October 22, 2004, petitioner submitted a petition with an executed Declaration executed by two joint inventors, specifically, James Coombs and Brigitte Phan. The Declaration that was executed by each of Mr. Coombs and Ms. Phan also listed John Gordon and Joseph Urcia as inventors and included a signature block for Messrs. Gordon and Urcia. However, the signature block for Mr. Urcia is on the last page of the Declaration (page 3) and was inadvertently omitted from the Declaration included with the Petition filed on October 22, 2004. Attached hereto as Exhibit A is a true and correct copy of the Declaration that was sent to each of the four listed inventors.
4. Attached as Exhibit B are complete copies of the declarations that were signed by Brigitte C. Phan and James H. Coombs, each listing Messrs. Urcia and Gordon as inventors.

DISCUSSION

Attached hereto as Exhibit C is a Declaration of Russell Jeide in Support of Request For Reconsideration Of Petition Under 37 C.F.R. 1.47(a).

In view of the above-listed facts that are confirmed in the attached Declaration of Russell Jeide, Applicant respectfully submits that Mr. Urcia was properly listed on the Declaration executed by Mr. Coombs and Ms. Phan and, thus, the Petition filed on November 1, 2004 complies with 37 C.F.R. 1.63. Accordingly, Petitioner requests reconsideration of the October 22, 2004 Petition.

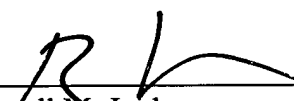
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If there are any obstacles to a prompt approval of this petition, the Patent and Trademark Office is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

KNOBBE, MARTENS, OLSON & BEAR, LLP

Dated: 2-28-05

By: 
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DECLARATION - USA PATENT APPLICATION

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I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56;

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Codes § 119(e) of the United States provisional application listed below:

Application No.: 60/451587

Filing Date: March 3, 2003

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful, false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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Date _____

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EXHIBIT B

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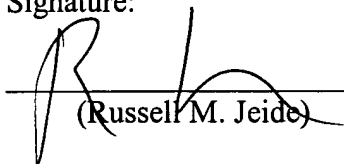
EXHIBIT C

**DECLARATION IN SUPPORT OF REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF
PETITION UNDER 37 C.P.R. 1.47(A)**

I, Russell M. Jeide, hereby declare that, to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, the following is true, accurate, and correct:

- 1) I am an associate attorney at Knobbe, Martens, Olson & Bear, LLP ("KMOB") and help coordinate prosecution of patent matters assigned to our client, Nagaoka and Co., LTD ("Nagaoka").
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Signature:


(Russell M. Jeide)

Date:

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